

Programme Title: Clinical Policies

Clinical Policies aim to prevent avoidable harm to patients by only offering treatments on the NHS that are evidence-based, clinically safe and effective, as well as cost effective and a good use of resources.

Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Hertfordshire

Title of policy and version:	Fertility - Surrogacy Version: v1.0
Commissioning position:	This intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED by the ICB
Scope:	Covers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests for NHS funding (including part-funding) for surrogacy arrangements and any treatment delivered as part of a surrogacy cycle • Both “traditional/straight” and “gestational/host” surrogacy where NHS funding is sought
Cohort:	Any patient/couple seeking NHS funding for surrogacy, including associated treatment costs within a surrogacy cycle.
Other relevant Clinical Policy	TBC

Treatments routinely funded:	None under this policy.
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Treatments not funded:	The ICB will not normally fund surrogacy. This includes any associated treatment or part-funding during a surrogacy cycle.
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Rational:	Surrogacy is not normally funded due to limited evidence on long-term outcomes and a lack of clear national position on the role and responsibilities of public bodies in funding surrogacy arrangements.
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IFR Statement Clinical Exceptionality:

Where a patient does not meet the policy criteria or the intervention is not normally funded by the NHS, an application for clinical exceptionality can be considered via the ICB's Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy and Process

Coding list:

Policy document record:	Fertility - Surrogacy Version: v1.0
Ratification date:	1 st April 2026
Record of significant change:	v1.0 – New harmonised policy for the ICB area, based on predecessor ICB policies (C&P, HWE, BLMK)
Planned review date:	TBC

Document Environmental Impact statement:

Neutral environmental impact. Policy to be shared and stored electronically where possible; if printed, use double-sided printing and minimal copies.